

Job Search/ Job Readiness Reminders

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Changes effective October 1, 2008:

- JBS will be measured on an **hourly** basis. Montana still meets the definition of a "needy" state and is entitled to 12 weeks of JBS which translates to the following:
 - 240 hours for a single custodial parent with a child under six.
 - 360 hours for all other work-eligible individuals
- Hours limitations are applied to a preceding 12-month period which includes the reporting month and the previous 11 months.
- The 4 consecutive week limit is still applicable.
 - Any JBS component code triggers a "week" for the four week limit, regardless of the number of days or the number of hours associated with the component code.
 - TEAMS will look at the end date of the "last" JBS code and compare it to the start date of the next JBS code to see if 7-days have elapsed. If not, you will receive an error message.

Example: The case has JBS components as follows:

JBS 01/05/09 – 01/09/09

JBS 01/12/09 – 01/16/09

JBS 01/19/09 – 01/23/09

JBS 01/26/09 – 01/30/09

If the worker tries to enter a JBS component with a start date prior to 02/07/09, they will receive an error message about 4 consecutive weeks.

- Effective January 1, 2009, JBS spans may be from 1-7 days in length. If the span is more than 7 days in length, you will receive an error message.
- If you are in EMPR or EMPL and receive an edit message about JBS hours and/or consecutive weeks which requires you to make adjustment to future months, simply hit F3 to leave EMPR or EMPL without saving changes. You can go and correct the future months by dropping the JBS component code and adding a different code or decrease the hours attributed to JBS. Then return to the month you were working to add or correct information and pass the edits.